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## **Governor Jan Brewer Announces Maricopa County Superior Court Appointments**

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer today announced the appointment of James Blomo and Gerry Porter to the Maricopa County Superior Court.

Mr. Blomo has served since 2003 as a Maricopa County Superior Court Commissioner, where he presides over criminal matters. Prior to serving as a Commissioner, he worked as a Judge Pro-Tem for the City of Tempe, a Deputy County Attorney for Maricopa County and spent several years in private practice specializing in criminal defense, civil matters and domestic relations. Mr. Blomo graduated from the University of San Diego College of Law in 1989, and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Southern California in 1984. He has been licensed to practice law in Arizona since 1989.

“Commissioner Blomo has built a reputation as a jurist who is fair, competent, patient and decisive,” said Governor Brewer. “His experience on the bench, along with his legal expertise, has prepared him well to be an outstanding trial judge.”

Mr. Blomo’s appointment was made to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Robert Budoff.

With her second appointment, Governor Brewer named Mr. Porter to the Superior Court – filling the vacancy created by the retirement of the Honorable Edward Burke.

Mr. Porter has served since 2003 as a Maricopa County Superior Court Commissioner, where he presides over probate and family matters. He served as Associated Presiding Judge for Limited Jurisdiction Courts from 2003 to 2006, and as the Scottsdale Justice of the Peace from 2001 to 2003. Prior to that, Mr. Porter was a senior policy advisor to both Governor Symington and the Arizona Corporation Commission. He graduated from Creighton University School of Law in 1993, received his Masters of Business Administration from Creighton University in 1990, and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Nebraska in 1989. He has been licensed to practice law in Arizona since 1993.

“Commissioner Porter is an experienced jurist who has successfully worked to improve the administration of justice,” said Governor Brewer. “He is a highly-principled individual who is committed to public service and serving the citizens of Maricopa County in a fair, honorable and impartial manner”.

These two court appointments are reflective of Governor Brewer’s continuing effort to identify and appoint judges who share her philosophy that judges should strictly interpret and apply the laws as written by the Arizona Legislature.

“I am proud to appoint these two very talented individuals who share my judicial philosophy,” she said. “Their experience and dedication will make them tremendous additions to the Maricopa County Superior Court.”

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